



## MEMORANDUM

Missouri Department of Transportation  
Maintenance Operations  
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**TO:** All District Engineers

**CC:** Steve McDonald-tr

**FROM:** Jim Carney  
State Maintenance Engineer

**DATE:** December 5, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Temporary Traffic Control  
Traffic Control for Field Operations Revision  
No Center Stripe Signing Guidelines

The following paragraph reflects changes to the NO CENTER STRIPE signing guidelines included in the *Traffic Control for Field Operations* manual, as amended by my April 11, 2003 correspondence. These new guidelines, which revise the sign spacing to one mile, are effective immediately and will be incorporated into the next revision of the referenced document.

Following the completion of pavement maintenance operations such as leveling course, patching, seal coat, spot sealing, crack pouring, and scrub sealing, where the center line has been removed or interrupted for a distance of 4 skips, 160 feet for solid line, or more, temporary marking and signing shall be installed.

Temporary pavement marking shall be in accordance with Chapter 3 of the Marking section of the *Traffic Manual*. A NO CENTER STRIPE sign shall be placed in advance of the area missing permanent centerline marking at the prescribed sign spacing. For extended areas continuously or intermittently missing permanent centerline marking, NO CENTER STRIPE signs should also be installed within 150 feet after the intersection of a state highway and at one-mile spacing throughout the affected area. Upon the discretion of the supervisor, additional NO CENTER STRIPE signs may be installed within 150 feet after other intersections. When a sign placed at the one-mile interval and one placed after an intersection fall within one-eighth mile of each other, the sign placed at the one-mile interval may be eliminated.

Similar requirements will be reflected in forthcoming design and construction guidelines for construction projects, but are being instituted now for field operations. This act allows your district staff to better plan their work zone sign ordering as necessitated by the upgrade to fluorescent orange sheeting. If your district staff has already submitted their request for new NO CENTER STRIPE signs, I ask that they review the requested quantities per these new guidelines and adjust them accordingly.

Please ensure this information is forwarded to those who may be affected by the changes. Should you require any clarification, contact Scott Stotlemeyer, technical support engineer-maintenance, at 573-526-1759 or stotls. Thank you.

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